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HIGHLIGHTS

The 1984 Statistics for Telephone Companies in Pennsylvania indicate that:

* Operating revenues increased 121% from $1,354 million in 1974 to $2,993 million in 1984. Net income after taxes increased 229% from $173 million in 1974 to $570 million in 1984. See Table 1.

* The number of business subscribers increased 4,000 from 1983 to 1984. See Table 2.

* During the past year operating revenue decreased $209 million, while net income after taxes increased $187 million. See Table 3.

* Operating revenue for the 16 largest telephone companies excluding AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania and Bell of Pennsylvania increased from 1983 to 1984. Net income, after taxes increased for fourteen of the companies and decreased for two. See Table 4.

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1984 CENSUS OF PUBLIC UTILITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

A. INTRODUCTION

This report presents data for telephone utilities collected in the 1984 Census of Public Utilities in Pennsylvania, as provided in the Act of April 20, 1921, P.L. 193, as amended. Completeness of coverage and classification of public utilities are checked by cooperative interchange of information with federal and state agencies. The 1984 calendar year is the period covered by this report.

B. DEFINITIONS AND EXPLANATIONS

(1) This report presents data for telephone utilities operating in Pennsylvania with $1,000 or more gross operating revenue. The telephone utilities have been divided into four categories:

(a) AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania
(b) American Telephone and Telegraph Company and its subsidiaries.
(c) Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania.
(d) Independent Telephone Companies.

(2) Net investment - Telephone plant in service, including land as of December 31, 1984 less any depreciation reserves.

(3) Capital expenditures - Actual or estimated value of construction put in place, plus cost of equipment and machinery purchased.

(4) Number of employees - Average number of employees who received pay for any part of the pay period ending nearest the 15th of March, May, August, and November. Employees include persons on paid vacations, but exclude members of the armed forces and pensioners carried on the utility's active rolls. Corporate officers are included, while proprietors and partners of unincorporated utilities and contract employees are excluded.

(5) Wages and salaries - Gross earnings during the reported year, prior to such deductions as employees' Social Security contributions, withholding taxes, group insurance, and union dues. Included are commissions, dismissal pay, all bonuses, vacation and sick-leave pay, and the value of compensation in kind.

(6) Number of telephones in use - This is no longer a valid statistic and will be replaced in the 1986 Census with the number of access lines.

C. COMPARABILITY OF DATA WITH OTHER STATISTICAL SERIES

Pennsylvania statistics on telephone companies are also collected by the Federal Communications Commission and published in a release called "Statistics of the Communications Industry in the United States." In general, the statistics in the F. C. C. release are directly comparable with those presented in this release.

D. AVAILABILITY OF DATA FOR INDIVIDUAL UTILITIES

Individual telephone utility reports are available for inspection in the Bureau of Statistics, Research, and Planning in the Department of Commerce.

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TABLE 1

NET INVESTMENT, OPERATING REVENUE, NET INCOME,
AND SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1974-1984

	1984	1974	% Change 1984 to 1974
Net Investment ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 5,258	$ 3,650	+44.0
In 1974 Dollars	$ 2,708	$ 3,650	-25.8
Number of Employees	32,143	44,718	
Wages and Salaries ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 789	$ 558	+41.4
In 1974 Dollars	$ 406	$ 558	-27.2
Average Annual Wage Per Employee			
In Current Dollars	$24,559	$12,469	+96.9
In 1974 Dollars	$12,650	$12,469	+1.4
Total Operating Revenues ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 2,993	$ 1,354	+121.0
In 1974 Dollars	$ 1,541	$ 1,354	+13.8
Net Income Before Taxes ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 1,042	$ 416	+150.5
In 1974 Dollars	$ 537	$ 416	+29.1
Net Income After Taxes ($ millions)			
In Current Dollars	$ 570	$ 173	+229.5
In 1974 Dollars	$ 294	$ 173	+69.9
Number - Business Subscribers (thousands)	554	505	+9.7
Number - Residential Subscribers (thousands)	4,227	3,849	+11.1
Total Number - Subscribers (thousands)	4,831	4,355	+10.9
Net Investment Per Subscriber			
In Current Dollars	$ 1,088	$ 838	+29.8
In 1974 Dollars	$ 560	$ 838	-33.2

TABLE 2

PLANT IN SERVICE, EMPLOYMENT, WAGES AND SALARIES, NUMBER OF TELEPHONES AND NUMBER OF SUBSCRIBERS FOR TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1984 AND 1983

[Money figures in thousands of dollars]

Item	Total		American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 1/		AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania		Bell Telephone Company 2/		Independent telephone companies	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Number of telephone companies	53	54	3	3	1	NA	1	1	48	50
Telephone plant in service, including land	$7,165,345	$8,679,366	$614,047	$620,900	$263,296	NA	$4,393,372	$6,229,903	$1,894,629	$1,828,563
Less: Depreciation reserve	1,907,350	2,091,680	181,572	161,959	54,257	NA	1,003,917	1,339,658	667,603	590,063
Net investment	5,257,995	6,587,686	432,476	458,941	209,039	NA	3,389,455	4,890,244	1,227,025	1,238,501
Capital expenditures	562,577	687,598	-	39,620	NA	NA	400,417	488,148	162,160	159,830 R
Number of employees	32,143	38,231	1,498	2,126	1,899	NA	21,298	28,6[illegible]	448	7,419
Wages and salaries	$789,388	$1,081,942	$45,529	$61,666	$40,150	NA	$526,789	$848,603	$176,970	$171,673
Number of telephone exchanges	1,389	1,377	3/	3/	-	NA	946	938	443	439
Number of telephones in use 4/ (thousands)	5/	8,158	5/	5/	5/	NA	5/	6,426	5/	1,732
Number of telephone subscribers (thousands)	4,831	4,852 R	3/	3/	NA	NA	3,632	3,645	1,199	1,207 R
Number of business subscribers (thousands)	554	550 R	3/	3/	NA	NA	377	377	177	173 R
Number of residential subscribers (thousands)	4,277	4,335 R	3/	3/	NA	NA	3,255	3,268	1,022	1,067 R

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

R Revised figure.

NA Not available.

1/ Includes two subsidiaries owned and operated by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company in Pennsylvania, the American Telephone and Telegraph Company of Pennsylvania and the East Pittsburgh Telephone Company.
2/ The Bell Telephone Company of Pennsylvania is a separate operating company as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Bell Atlantic Corporation.
3/ Does not operate exchanges. Operations of these companies consist of operating interstate and international toll lines.
4/ Includes extension phones.
5/ It is not longer possible to determine the number of telephones in use. Starting in 1986, the number of area lines will be reported.

TABLE 3

REVENUES AND EXPENSES OF AT&T COMMUNICATIONS OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY AND INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1984 AND 1983

[Money figures in thousands of dollars]

Item	Total		AT&T Communications of Pennsylvania 1/		Bell Telephone Company 2/		Independent telephone companies	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Operating revenues, total	$2,992,997	$3,202,436	$535,696	NA	$1,789,908	$2,595,059	$667,433	$607,377
Revenue from local service	1,256,845	1,626,660	-	NA	1,098,931	1,373,653	257,914	253,006
Revenue from toll service 2/	1,703,602	1,417,997	505,962	NA	306,982	1,085,530	288,659	332,467
Other operating revenues 3/	532,550	157,779	29,694	NA	383,996	135,876	120,860	21,903
Operating expenses, total	1,812,553	2,074,089	229,850	NA	1,151,095	1,691,173	431,608	382,916
Maintenance expenses	465,231	632,636	22,305	NA	317,302	516,569	125,623	116,267
Other operating expenses	933,342	890,507	187,702	NA	575,666	748,053	169,474	142,454
Depreciation and amortization	413,979	550,745	19,843	NA	258,126	426,550	136,010	124,195
Non-operating revenue 4/	33,898	33,356	347	NA	12,142	17,564	21,408	15,792
Non-operating expenses 5/	172,623	216,250	1,790	NA	111,543	159,450	59,290	56,800
Net income, before taxes	1,041,719	945,453	304,363	NA	539,412	762,000	197,944	183,452
Taxes	471,737	562,613	29,274	NA	327,008	458,647	115,454	103,966
Net income, after taxes	569,982	382,840	275,089	NA	212,404	303,353	82,490	79,487

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

NA Not available.

1/ Does not include the American Telephone and Telegraph Company or its two owned and operated subsidiaries in Pennsylvania (the American Telegraph and Telephone Company of Pennsylvania and the East Pittsburgh Telephone Company), because the business of these companies is interstate and international and therefore not accounted for by state.
2/ Includes long distance calls and public pay telephones.
3/ Includes rental of the phone facilities, telegraph commissions, directory advertising and sales, and other miscellaneous operating revenues less any uncollectible revenue.
4/ Includes dividends, interest received, rental, property sold, and incidental income.
5/ Includes interest carrying charges on inactive assets, bonuses to executives, and loss from fire or flood.

TABLE 4

INVESTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, SUBSCRIBERS, REVENUE, EXPENSES AND NET INCOME FOR INDEPENDENT TELEPHONE COMPANIES IN PENNSYLVANIA: 1984 AND 1983

(Money figures in thousands of dollars.)

	Total		The General Telephone Company of Pennsylvania		The United Telephone Company of Pennsylvania	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Net investment	$1,227,025	$1,238,503	$ 413,757	$406,493	$192,173	$200,716
Capital expenditures	$ 166,760	$159,830	$ 45,056	$ 46,669	$ 30,908	$ 39,724
Number of employees	7,446	7,414	2,792	2,764	1,667	1,730
Wages and salaries	$ 176,970	$ 171,673	$ 61,926	$ 62,869	$41,826	$ 40,975
Number of telephone exchanges	443	439	92	92	94	91
Number of telephones in use	1/	1,731,804	1/	541,063	1/	283,574
Number of subscribers	1,199,182	1,178,047 R	372,428	364,795	240,279	233,016 R
Business subscribers	176,630	167,065 R	69,756	67,559	25,184	24,164 R
Residential subscribers	1,022,532	1,010,982 R	302,382	301,237	215,095	215,095 R
Operating revenue	$ 667,433	$ 607,377	$ 218,330	$204,967	$135,732	$124,724
Operating expenses	431,608	382,916	161,445	146,141	85,008	73,282
Non-operating revenue	21,408	15,792	9,560	6,769	503	1,332
Non-operating expenses	59,090	55,805	22,454	21,103	8,175	8,720
Net income, before taxes	197,944	184,452	44,391	46,492	43,050	44,655
Taxes	115,454	103,966	27,921	29,764	26,070	26,510
Net income, after taxes	82,490	79,487	16,470	16,728	16,979	18,145

	Commonwealth Telephone Company		ALLTEL Pennsylvania, Inc. 1		North Pittsburgh Telephone Company	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Net investment	$ 31,123	$130,394	$ 127,237	$126,700	$14,969	$ 14,626
Capital expenditures	$ 9,791	$ 14,853	$ 15,521	$ 18,508	$ 5,261	$ 3,904
Number of employees	804	747	626	625	250	242
Wages and salaries	$ 19,684	$ 16,843	$ 15,250	$ 14,449	$ 5,907	$ 5,632
Number of telephone exchanges	76	77	52	52	9	8
Number of telephones in use	1/	254,870	1/	185,261	1/	47,997
Number of subscribers	145,029	141,706	120,529	115,828	34,372	32,604
Business subscribers	16,025	15,534	18,913	15,313	6,331	5,287
Resident subscribers	129,004	126,172	101,626	100,515	28,041	27,317
Operating revenue	$ 78,760	$ 67,820	$ 66,034	$ 57,564	$23,766	$ 21,824
Operating expenses	47,744	40,840	42,931	37,712	12,883	12,370
Non-operating revenue	2,746	1,885	188	-206	1,566	1,940
Non-operating expenses	7,587	7,083	6,079	5,018	1,461	1,391
Net income, before taxes	25,576	21,783	16,212	14,629	10,990	9,404
Taxes	14,171	12,217	6,478	6,680	6,165	5,296
Net income, after taxes	11,405	9,565	9,734	7,948	4,825	4,107

	Continental Telephone Company of Pennsylvania		The Conestoga Telephone and Telegraph Company		Denver and Ephrata Telephone and Telegraph Company	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Net investment	$ 39,514	$38,266	$ 26,822	$26,277	$29,633	$29,737
Capital expenditures	$ 7,322	$ 3,942	$ 3,297	$ 3,126	$ 6,976	$ 3,608
Number of employees	259	267	123	123	143	131
Wages and salaries	$ 6,963	$ 6,447	$ 3,535	$ 3,311	3,504	$ 3,035
Number of telephone exchanges	15	13	10	10	6	6
Number of telephones in use	1/	42,324	1/	48,000	1/	48,183
Number of subscribers	42,654	41,207	31,408	30,459	30,249	29,127
Business subscribers	9,979	8,990	6,289	5,699	4,129	3,835
Residential subscribers	32,675	32,217	25,119	24,760	26,120	25,292
Operating revenue	$20,484	$18,012	$ 15,353	$ 13,417	$14,590	$13,387
Operating expenses	13,253	12,151	7,628	7,014	8,695	6,428
Non-operating revenue	3,205	1,834	24	28	292	123
Non-operating expenses	4,558	3,530	1,138	1,260	714	670
Net income, before taxes	5,878	4,166	6,612	5,171	5,473	6,212
Taxes	3,535	2,546	3,659	2,857	2,829	3,674
Net income, after taxes	2,343	1,619	2,953	2,314	2,644	2,538

	Quaker State Telephone Company		Murraysville Telephone Company		Brookville Telephone Company	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Net investment	$31,645	$27,001	$28,417	$ 26,558	$25,172	$ 25,556
Capital expenditures	$ 6,944	$ 5,811	$ 3,628	$ 1,768	$1,568	$ 1,733
Number of employees	26	34	91	93	85	85
Wages and salaries	$ 728	$ 857	$ 2,223	$ 2,157	$2,113	$ 2,153
Number of telephone exchanges	22	14	5	5	17	17
Number of telephones in use	1/	27,349	1/	37,447	1/	29,199
Number of subscribers	24,658	23,772	19,808	19,870	17,372	17,674
Business subscribers	2,411	2,058	2,126	2,342	1,562	1,937
Residential subscribers	22,247	21,714	17,682	17,528	15,810	15,737
Operating revenue	$13,973	$ 11,732	$12,224	$ 10,888	$9,513	$ 8,734
Operating expenses	8,859	7,692	6,708	5,936	6,312	5,680
Non-operating revenue	190	265	722	460	379	221
Non-operating expenses	1,363	1,485	1,170	1,066	1,522	1,497
Net income, before taxes	3,941	2,820	5,069	4,346	2,057	1,777
Taxes	2,276	1,624	2,645	2,297	1,054	941
Net income, after taxes	1,665	1,196	2,424	2,049	1,002	836

	Bethel and Mt. Aetna Telephone and Telegraph Company		Enterprise Telephone Company		Buffalo Valley Telephone Company	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Net investment	$22,605	$20,945	$6,920	$ 12,827	$10,357	$ 9,360
Capital expenditures	$ 2,554	$ 3,776	$1,388	$ 2,765	$1,990	$ 785
Number of employees	87	87	71	65	67	67
Wages and salaries	$ 1,825	$ 2,061	$1,773	$ 1,538	$1,784	$ 1,669
Number of telephone exchanges	8	8	4	4	2	2
Number of telephones in use	1/	29,581	1/	22,375	1/	22,752
Number of subscribers	20,554	20,203	13,039	12,991	11,966	13,724
Business subscribers	2,797	2,756	2,116	2,105	1,364	1,891
Residential subscribers	17,757	17,447	10,923	10,886	10,602	11,833
Operating revenue	$ 9,644	$ 8,974	$7,825	$ 7,050	$6,279	$ 5,584
Operating expenses	5,671	5,616	3,757	3,140	3,250	2,931
Non-operating revenue	598	269	42	129	154	131
Non-operating expenses	828	816	415	467	381	385
Net income, before taxes	3,744	2,811	3,694	3,553	2,802	2,399
Taxes	2,060	1,539	2,027	1,914	1,589	1,364
Net income, after taxes	1,684	1,272	1,667	1,639	1,213	1,053

	The Northeastern Pennsylvania Telephone Company		Palmerton Telephone Company		Other Independent Telephone Companies	
	1984	1983	1984	1983	1984	1983
Net investment	$6,666	$ 6,126	$5,720	$8,528	$54,856	$ 54,887
Capital expenditures	$1,270	$ 761	$ 640	$ 672	$9,044	$ 8,601
Number of employees	42	41	26	26	299	293
Wages and salaries	$1,105	$ 1,014	$ 542	$ 490	$6,294	$ 6,179
Number of telephone exchanges	8	8	4	4	49	53
Number of telephones in use	1/	11,177	1/	10,515	1/	89,937
Number of subscribers	8,068	7,687	7,270	7,071	59,799	62,106
Business subscribers	758	753	962	995	5,916	5,862
Residential subscribers	7,310	7,134	6,258	6,076	53,861	56,244
Operating revenue	$3,672	$3,539	$3,648	$3,904	$27,204	$ 26,253
Operating expenses	2,263	2,111	1,966	1,932	17,674	17,341
Non-operating revenue	78	-35	55	6	1,067	639
Non-operating expenses	223	404	478	469	1,744	1,796
Net income, before taxes	1,323	966	1,258	522	8,874	7,755
Taxes	718	404	722	252	4,633	4,104
Net income, after taxes	605	594	535	270	4,241	3,651

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

1/ Since divestiture, it is no longer possible to determine the number of telephones in use. Starting in 1986, the number of access lines will be reported.